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# UNITED STATES CONTINUING UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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Atty. Docket No. 05046-00017

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Enclosed herewith is a continuing patent application and the following papers:

Inventor (or application identifier): **Jeffrey Peter Allen**

Title of Invention: **FUEL CELL CURRENT COLLECTOR**

- ☒ Continuation
- ☐ Divisional
- ☐ Continuation-in-Part

of prior application No. 09/413,169, filed October 7, 1999.

- Specification 13 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 28 claims (5 independent), after entry of the Preliminary Amendment.
- Declaration/Power of Attorney:
  - Copy from Prior Application (for continuation or divisional application)
  - ☐ Newly Executed Declaration (for CIP application)
  - ☐ Deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)
  - ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
  - Incorporation by Reference - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein
- 3. ■ 5 Distinct sheets of ■ Formal ☐ Informal Drawings
- 4. ■ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.09/413,169, filed on October 7, 1999.--

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5. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Form 1449 (4 pages)
  - ☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. ☒ Assignment
- ☐ Assignment with Cover Sheet attached
  - ☒ Assignment filed in prior application. Application assigned to: **Allen Engineering Company, Inc.** of Naugatuck, CT.
7. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)

8. ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
US	09/413,169	07 OCT 1999

9. ☐ Priority document(s)
10. ☒ Small Entity Statement
- ☒ Small Entity status was claimed in prior application. Small Entity status is still proper and desired
  - ☐ Small Entity status is being claimed hereby.
  - ☐ is no longer claimed
11. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
- ☐ Computer Readable Copy
  - ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

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12. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$740.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	18	18.00	\$324.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	3	84.00	\$252.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	280.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$1,316.00
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Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.50		\$658.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>			\$658.00
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	0	40.00	\$0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>			<b>\$658.00</b>

13. PAYMENT is:

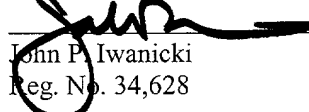
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$658.00, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
- ☐ not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)

14. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

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16. Other: Application Data Sheets (3 sheets) and return postcard.

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Enclosures